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ATTENTION: ALAN TRICK

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: WORLD-WIDE SIRES: CLARK'S VISIT

1. OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS OF CLARK'S MEETINGS WITH MIN. AG'S SMIRNOV AND PRODINTORG'S DEMIN, PLUS OTHERS, WERE ATTENDED BY AGATTACHE OFFICE. CLARK, ALONG WITH DRS. HARRINGTON, LYLE AND SAACKE EXPLAINED SITUATION RE US VIEWPOINT CONCERNING SOVIET REJECTION OF SEMEN CERTIFIED BY USDA.

2. PROBLEM AREAS DISCUSSED RE SOVIET TESTS RESULTS WERE SPERM MOTILITY, OCCURRANCE OF LEPTOSPIROSIS AND OCCURRANCE OF PROVISIONALLY PATHOGENIC ORGANISMS,

3. US SCIENTISTS WERE ALLOWED TO CONDUCT TESTS FROM REJECTED SEMEN. TESTING PROCEDURES WERE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL.

4. CONCLUSION IS THAT SOVIET TESTING PROCEDURES VARY LITTLE FROM US PROCEDURES. MAIN DIFFERENCE APPEARS TO BE IN THE INTER-

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PRETATION OF TEST RESULTS.

5. CLARK PROPOSED LIMITED AMOUNTS OF SEMEN REJECTED FOR MOTILITY (LACK OF) BE UTILIZED TO DETERMINE FERTILITY. PROPOSED BLOOD SERUM TESTS OF BULLS TO BE UTILIZED TO CLEAR UP POSITIVE LEPTOSPIROSIS INDICATION. PROVISIONALLY PATHOGENIC ORGANISMS OCCURRENCE PROBLEM CAN BEST BE SUMMED UP BY STATING THAT THERE CURRENTLY EXISTS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN SOVIET AND US SCIENTISTS AS TO WHAT ORGANISMS SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS PROVISIONALLY PATHOGENIC.

6. CLARK PROPOSED, AT HIS EXPENSE, THAT TEAM OF THREE SOVIET SCIENTISTS COME TO US TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE THREE-PROBLEM AREAS. SMIRNOV INDICATED SOVIETS WOULD ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE TRIP ASAP.

7. CLARK TO STOP IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH TRICK, EULER, MANNION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 6.
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